

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] Priority is claimed to German Patent Application No. DE 102 48 270.5-43, filed on October 16, 2003 2004, ~~the entire disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein.~~

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] In order to be able to obtain the optical effects comparable with those of the conventional vehicle finishes by means of wet coating materials, thicknesses of up to 20  $\mu\text{m}$  for the second paint layer [[7]] 9, based on the dry layer thickness, have proven to be advantageous. Normally in this context the proportion of the first paint layer 7 to the second paint layer 9 should be such that the first paint layer 7 is approximately 3 to 5 times thicker than the second paint layer 9. Customary paint systems, for example, envisage a first paint layer 7 in a dry layer thickness of approximately 20  $\mu\text{m}$ , whereas the second paint layer in a dry layer thickness of approximately 5  $\mu\text{m}$ , which is applied by the atomization, is sufficient to obtain the optical properties referred to at the outset